

**WELCOME TO THE  
KENOVA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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[www.kenovaumc.com](http://www.kenovaumc.com)  
December 14, 2025**



**MISSION STATEMENT**

IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST, WE REACH  
**UP** IN WORSHIP AND PRAYER,  
**OVER** IN DISCIPLESHIP AND CARE, AND  
**OUT** IN WITNESS AND SERVICE.

**MINISTERS - EVERY MEMBER OF KENOVA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH IS A MINISTER, A WITNESS TO THE  
GOOD NEWS OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST; THEY ARE  
ASSISTED BY THE FOLLOWING STAFF:**

Pastor  
Certified Lay Minister  
Lay Pastor of Proclamation/Teaching  
Lay Leader  
Co-Director of Music Ministries  
Co-Director of Music Ministries  
Director of Children's Ministries  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Pianist  
Custodian  
Director of Preschool  
Admin. Assistant/Treasurer

Rev. Dr. Andrew Tennant  
Sam Colvin  
Syd Hanson  
Billy Rutherford  
Michael Pancake  
Dustin Cremeans  
Lynn Salmons  
Julie Tennant  
Tammy Meadows  
Joe Ratcliff  
Joy Agee  
Bev Johnson

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Preschool Sunday**  
**11:00 A.M. Worship Service @ Kenova UMC**  
**December 14, 2025**  
**Live Stream on Facebook**

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PRELUDE *Tammy Meadows*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST *Acolytes*

\*OPENING HYMN *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”* pg. 240 UMH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Liturgist*

Leader: As we watch and wait for Christ’s coming, we light the Advent candles, dispelling the dark and remembering the promises of God with prayer. Today we light the candle of “Joy”. We can love knowing that even as we wait for His final coming, “The Lord your God is with us, the Mighty Warrior who saves.”

**People: Even as we wait with longing, we also rejoice for His presence among us now.**

Leader: Today we approach God’s throne not as mere spectators, but as participants in God’s advent story.

**People: As one unified body, we will sing and make music from our hearts to the Lord.**

\*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON) *Liturgist*

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity. And may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ the Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME *Rev. Dr. Andrew Tennant*  
*(Please list your name & address on the attendance register.)*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Liturgist*

LIGHTING OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ADVENT CANDLE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Lynn Salmons*  
*(After the Children’s Message, Nursery is available for infants – 2, Noah’s Ark is available for 2-PK, the Elementary Children are invited to sit with their parents in the sanctuary & Youth Bible Study in the Parlor)*

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS *Rev. Dr. Andrew Tennant*

*Please note: The Loose Change offering during December is dedicated to the Good Samaritan Center.*

OFFERTORY

*Tammy Meadows*

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Rev. Dr. Andrew Tennant*

TRAINING STATION PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING      *“Away in a Manger”*      pg. 217 UMH  
*(The altar rail is available for anyone that would like to come and pray during the final hymn)*

\*BENEDICTION

*Rev. Dr. Andrew Tennant*

\*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

*(Please remain standing as the acolytes symbolically remind us to follow the light of Christ into the world.)*

\*POSTLUDE

*Tammy Meadows*

*\*Congregation please stand as able*

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**TO OUR VISITORS WELCOME FROM THE KUMC FAMILY!**



Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you will return. Please be sure to list your name & address on the attendance pad. On Sunday Mornings at the 11:00 a.m. service, we provide a **Nursery** for infants up to 2 years of age, **Noah’s Ark** for ages 2-PK and **Kids Own Worship** for Grades K-5. On Sunday

Evenings we also provide Youth. On Wednesday Evenings we provide Bible Study for Adults & Children’s Activities— please see announcements & the calendar for all upcoming events.

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**\*\*\*THOSE SERVING TODAY\*\*\***

**LITURGIST:**

Charles Shumaker

**ORGANIST:**

Sandra Budden

**LEAD GUITAR:**

Billy Rutherford

**ELECTRIC BASS:**

Bill Budden

**AUDIO:**

Mary Leighton

**SCREENS:**

Lisa Cornwell

**ACOLYTES:**

Kennedi McCormick & Mosley Baisden

**NURSERY:**

Becky Richards

**NOAH’S ARK:**

Chaundra Maddox

**USHERS:**

Kent Willis, David Ball,  
Steve Morrison, Jack Shumaker,  
Skyler Ratcliff & Tom Foster

**GREETERS:**

Richard & Stephanie Elkins

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

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**TODAY:** 12/14/25

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
PRESCHOOL SUNDAY  
CHILDREN’S INDOOR NATIVITY  
GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER SPECIAL OFFERING**

9:45 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL (*For All Ages*)  
11:00 A.M. – **MORNING WORSHIP**  
11:00 A.M. – NURSERY (*Infant – Age 2*); NOAH’S ARK (*2-PK*); YOUTH BIBLE  
STUDY (*Parlor*)  
6:00 P.M. – KUMC INDOOR NATIVITY PROGRAM

**MONDAY:** 12/15/25

12:00 P.M. – **BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
6:30 P.M. – CUB SCOUTS MEETING (*Scouts Building*)

**TUESDAY:** 12/16/25

1:00 P.M. – TABLE FOR ONE @ *Fratelli’s Italian Restaurant*  
(6007 US-60 in Barboursville, WV)  
*Meet at the church at 12:30 P.M. to carpool or meet us there. Please let  
Donna Kiser know if you plan to attend @ 304-544-1512.*  
5:00 P.M. – GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER DINNER @ *Church of Christ*  
(1801 Chestnut Street, Kenova)  
7:00 P.M. – BOY SCOUTS MEETING (*Scouts Building*)

**WEDNESDAY:** 12/17/25

5:00 P.M. – SNACK SUPPER (*Prepared by The Richards Family*)

- Menu: **Appetizers**
- Cost: **No Charge – Donation at the door**  
*Please mark the number attending on the attendance register  
under zip code.*

**RESERVATION DEADLINE BY NOON, TUESDAY – 12/16/25**

6:00 P.M. – CHILDREN’S MTG / ACTIVITIES (*Children’s Area*)  
6:00 P.M. – ADULTS – ADVENT BIBLE STUDY (*Parlor/Wesleyan Classroom*)  
7:11 P.M. – CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (*Choir Room*)

**THURSDAY:** 12/18/25

6:00 P.M. – SPECTRUM OF WORSHIP MINISTRY SUPPORT  
GROUP MEETING (*Fellowship Hall*)

**FRIDAY:** 12/19/25

7:00 P.M. – CHRISTMAS CANTATA “*The Sounding Joy!*”

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 12/21/25

11:00 A.M. – CHRISTMAS CANTATA “*The Sounding Joy!*”

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\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\*  
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**INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP  
AND/OR BAPTISM?**

Please contact Rev. Dr. Andrew Tennant (304-672-0723) or the Church office (304-453-1112).

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**UPPER ROOMS**

The **November/December Upper Room booklets** are now available on the table in the narthex. Cost: \$1.90 each.

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**2025 FLOWER CALENDAR** is on the bulletin board – 1<sup>st</sup> floor across from the elevator. If you would like to put altar flowers and/or organ flowers in the sanctuary, please list the information on the calendar. If you have questions or a special request, please contact the church office @ 304-453-1112.

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**PRAYER REQUEST FORMS** are in the pews. Please list your requests on this form & place in the offering plate. We will include them in next week's prayer concerns.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN** can be submitted as follows:

- Please call **Pam Wood @ 304-544-2243**
- The church office @ **304-453-1112**
- Email **Charles Shumaker at [kumcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:kumcprayers@gmail.com)**

*(We will include your requests on next week's prayer concerns list.)*

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**PRAYER CHAPEL**

Reminder that we have a Prayer Chapel available for anyone who would like to come and pray on Sunday morning and/or throughout the week. The chapel is located on the first floor between the church offices in Room #103.

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**THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER**

For the month of **December**, the Good Samaritan Center will collect "**Pop-Tarts**." Donations can be placed in the Good Samaritan Box in the upstairs hallway of KUMC. Thank You.

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**\*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\***

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**SOUND SYSTEM UPDATES**

Hearing assistance devices are available by the sound room for those who need it. If you need any help, please stop by the sound room and ask for assistance. We have four devices available.

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**CHRISTMAS NEEDY / SECRET SANTA PREP**

**(Monday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>)**

The Christmas Needy / Secret Santa Prep will be at the Gathering Place next week. Please contact Patti Rollins or Donna Akers with any questions.

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**SPECIAL OFFERING – December 2025**

➤ **Good Samaritan Center – Loose Change**

➤ **Good Samaritan Center Special Offering – Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**

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Here is how to get your **TITHES AND OFFERINGS** to the church to continue our ministries:

1. Place your offering in the offering plate.
2. Mail your offerings in or drop them off at the church.
3. Have your bank send a draft through on your account & then the bank will send it to the church.
4. Set your giving up online through [tithe.ly/give](http://tithe.ly/give) & select our church and they will automatically deposit your funds to the church's checking account.
5. Text to Give is a new way to give to our Church. Simply text the word GIVE to (855) 516-9883 & follow the instructions to set up your account.

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**DECEMBER 7, 2025 OFFERING**

General Budget Offering (12/7/25 - \$5,785.00) (needed weekly \$8,796.12)

**\*\*\* 2025 Conference Apportionments (\$85,064.00) \*\*\***

**(Weekly Amount - \$1,640.00)**

**Our goal is to pay for our apportionments on a weekly basis.**

**\*\*\*Currently we are paid through 10/5 for a total of \$65,600.00\*\*\***

**\*\*\*District Apportionments are paid through the end of the year\*\*\***

**DECEMBER 7, 2025 ATTENDANCE**

Morning Worship – 140      Sunday School – 76

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**2025**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. – Training Station Preschool Christmas Sunday

6:00 p.m. – KUMC Children’s Indoor Nativity

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

Christmas Needy / Secret Santa Prep at the Gathering Place

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

6:00 p.m. – Advent Study “The Wonder of Christmas”  
in Wesleyan Classroom/Parlor

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:00 p.m. – KUMC Choir & Praise Band Christmas Cantata

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. – KUMC Choir & Praise Band Christmas Cantata

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

***Merry Christmas!***

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – New Year’s Eve Open Communion Hour

There are and will be other events throughout our Advent & Christmas season, so please check your bulletins weekly for more events, dates, and times.



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Altar Guild Workers Needed**

The Altar Guild is a church ministry that helps to keep the chancel area (area above the altar) and the sanctuary clean, to care for the paraments cloths, candles, brassware, baptismal linens, and all chancel furnishings. The Altar Guild fills the gap between where the custodian’s work stops and the minister’s work begins.

Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry. We need volunteers to take one month a year to prepare communion, help clean the sanctuary and keep the sanctuary beautiful for worship.

If you need more information and/or would be interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the church office for more details.

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**Calling All Acolytes!!!!**

If any child in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade would be interested in becoming an acolyte at the start of the new year, please contact Erin Rich or the church office. We will offer training for anyone who would be new to acolyting.

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**HARMONY HOUSE DONATIONS**

We are collecting donations of cases of water, new underwear of any size/gender, and flavored drink packets. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

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**GREETERS NEEDED**

Greeters are needed for the month of January. Please contact Donna Kiser (304) 544-1512 to sign up. **Being a greeter is a great way to meet and welcome people to Kenova UMC.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Donna Kiser.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OPPORTUNITIES**  
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**GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER**  
**SPECIAL OFFERING**

We will be collecting a special offering for the **Good Samaritan Center** today (Dec 14<sup>th</sup>). For your donations, please write “**Good Sam Center**” on a pew envelope & place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

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Please join us in honoring **OUR STAFF** this Christmas Season with a monetary donation. Donations will be accepted through **December 14** and presented to **OUR STAFF** on **Sunday, December 21**. You may put your donation in a pew envelope, write “Staff Gifts” on the envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued love and support.

*The Staff Parish Relations Committee*

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**CHILDREN'S INDOOR NATIVITY**  
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Sunday, December 14, 2025  
@ 6:00 P.M.

Plan now to attend this special presentation by the KUMC Kids.  
You don't want to miss this!



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The **Christmas Card Mail Center** is up & running. Please place your cards in the appropriate boxes for members & constituents who attend church on a regular basis. Please check the center often for any cards that may have been dropped off for you. The center is in the Narthex beside the stairwell.  
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## **Pray for Healing for those suffering with Tuberculosis**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS – December 14, 2025**

*(Prayer Ministry of Kenova United Methodist Church)* \*Church Family

\*\*All names will remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

#### **ILLNESS, INJURY OR RECOVERY**

*Joy Agee	Josh Hammer	*Mary Ann Schell
*Rob & Robin Armstrong	*Tiny Hatten	*Karen Skeens
Noreen Ball	*Fox & Debbie Heaberlin	Debra Smith
Charles & Margaret Blackburn	*Jo Ann Hemann	*Joe & Pam Smith
Ashley Blankenship	Carley Jackson	KC Smith
*Lisa Campbell	*Ronnie & Fanny Keyser	Kinzy & Delma Smith
*Clifford & Sharon Canterbury	*Shirley Lewis	Dotty Stacy
*Jerry Chaffins	*Brenda Lyons	Rod Stapleton
Paul Chafin	*Becky Meade	Stephen Stapleton
*Markai Chandler	Pete Micheal	*Gloria Sumner
*Connie Chaney	*Debby Moore	Lowell Sutherland
Barbara Christian	*Donna Ramsdell	Gary Trout
*Liz Cole	*Leigh Ratcliff	*John Turner
*Paula Dickerson	*Ben Richards	*Jim & Joan West
*Maria Dorsey	*Ann Riggs	Lisa Williams
*Mickey & Roxanne Fizer	Darrell Robinson	Nancy Wood
Jody Froble	*Patti Rollins	
Chad Gibson	Debbie Rowe	
Jim & Linda Gray	Sherry L. Rowe	
Wally Hale	*Lynn Salmons	

#### **FUTURE SURGERY, HOSPICE, HOSPITAL OR REHAB**

C – Cabell/ S – St. Mary's/ K – Kings Daughters/

VA – Veterans/ R – Rehab/ H – Out of Area or Unknown/ HE – Hospice/ FS – Future Surgery

Bill & Diane Chapman (H)	Jim Maddox (R)
Kenny Cornwell (H)	Chanda Marcum (H)
Denver Frasher (H)	Steve Meadows (H)
Steve Holt (C)	

#### **TESTS, MEDICAL DECISIONS, TREATMENTS**

Whitney Cornwell Adkins	Cindy Jordan	*Asher Wears
Amy Boshell	Mark Michael	Kevin Whitt
*Scott Farley	Richie Rutherford	Mason Wilks
Linda Fouch	Sandy Stapleton	
*Claudine Harrison	Bobby Turner	

#### **GRIEVING (*Families of*)**

#### **OTHER CONCERNS**

Addiction Struggles	Government Employees	Shut-Ins
Ann-Michelle	Grieving Families	Teachers
Care Givers/Family Issues	Kids who struggle in school	Training Station Preschool
College Students	Middle/High School Kids	Travel Mercies
Elementary School Kids	Military	Unsheltered People
Financial Struggles	Our Country	Unspoken Requests
Flood/Storm Victims	Preschool Kids	Joey White
Flu/Covid/RSV	Safety in Youth Sports	